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UNCTAD DEBT EXPERTS

DEPT PASS EB/IFD/OMA FOR J. WINDER AND TREASURY FOR S. CANNER

1. SUMMARY: GROUP B HAS REACHED AGREED POSITION ON MANDATE
FOR SECOND UNCTAD DEBT EXPERTS MEETING. WE BELIEVE POSITION
CONFORMS WITH BASIC USG GOAL OF CONFINING EXPERTS TASK TO
"REVIEW" RATHER THAN "NEGOTIATION". GROUP B POSITION HAS
BEEN PROVIDED TO GROUP OF 77 AND WE ARE AWAITING REACTION.
END SUMMARY.

2. A GROUP B WORKING GROUP OF DEBT EXPERTS HAS BEEN
NEGOTIATING A GROUP B POSITION ON THE MANDATE FOR A SECOND
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UNCTAD DEBT EXPERTS (IGG) MEETING. US REMINDED GROUP THAT
USG IS STILL RESERVING ITS POSITION ON ATTENDING A SECOND
IGG, NOTING THAT RECONSIDERATION OF THIS POSITION WILL
DEPEND ON HOW THE MANDATE OF A SECOND IGG MEETING IS CONSTITUTED.
(G-77 NOW SEEMS FAVOR DECEMBER FOR THIS MEETING.)

3. GROUP B DEBT EXPERTS HAVE AGREED THAT A SECOND IGG

WILL OPERATE IN A FRAMEWORK OF THREE BASIC OBJECTIVES:

--TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

--TO ANALYZE POSITIONS

--NO NEGOTIATION

WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, THEY AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING MANDATE:

BEGIN TEXT

A) TO DRAFT A REPORT FOR MINISTERS REVIEWING ACTION UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 94(IV).

B) IN THAT REPORT, TO EXAMINE THE DEBT SITUATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE COUNTRIES' DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE PRESENT SITUATION OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES, AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN NEED.

C) THE REPORT BY THE IGG SHOULD ALSO EXAMINE THE UNDERLYING ECONOMIC RATIONALE OF THE RESPECTIVE PROPOSALS MADE PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 94(IV). END TEXT.

4. ITEMS (A) AND (C) WERE PROPOSED BY THE US AND WERE AGREED WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGE. ITEM (B) PROVED MORE CONTENTIOUS. INITIALLY ALL GROUP B COUNTRIES--WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE US--WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD THE EXPERTS REVIEW LLDC DEBT SITUATION IN RELATION TO TDB DECISION 149. USG EXPLAINED THAT DECISION 149 WAS DELIBERATELY WORDED SO AS TO PROVIDE BROAD REVIEW ENTIRE LLDC ISSUE OF WHICH DEBT WAS ONLY ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELEMENT, NOTING THAT WE SHOULD BE ATTEMPTING TO DOWNPLAY THE DEBT ASPECT OF DECISION 149 RATHER THAN HIGHLIGHTING IT. WITHIN THE DEBT EXPERTS WORKING GROUP, CANADA, SWEDEN AND THE NETHERLANDS CONTINUED TO ARGUE STRONGLY FOR LANGUAGE LINKED TO TDB DECISION 149. WE INSISTED THAT LANGUAGE IDENTIFYING COUNTRIES FOR STUDY SHOULD BE BASED ON LANGUAGE FROM 94(IV). AFTER ABOVE LANGUAGE HAD FINALLY BEEN WORKED OUT AND THE DEBT EXPERTS SUBMITTED THE PROPOSED MANDATE TO GROUP B PLENARY, AMBASSADOR ROBERT OF THE FRG REOPENED ISSUE BY INSISTING THE FRG WOULD NOT APPROVE IT UNLESS MANDATE ENCOMPASSED TDB DECISION 149. AFTER ROBERT LEFT MEETING, REMAINDER OF FRG DELEGATION HAD NO DIFFICULTY AGREEING TO LANGUAGE NEGOTIATED BY DEBT EXPERTS.

5. WORKING GROUP EXPERTS DID NOT ACCEPT UK IDEA OF ATTEMPTING TO HAVE SECOND IGG DETERMINE "THE COMMON GROUND" BETWEEN CIEC PROPOSALS. US, FRG AND FRANCE STRESSED THAT SUCH AN EXERCISE WOULD QUICKLY LEAD TO NEGOTIATION, AND UK DIDN'T PRESS THE IDEA FURTHER.

6. GROUP B POSITION ON MANDATE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO

GROUP OF 77, AND WE ARE AWAITING THEIR REACTION. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT THE G-77 WILL WANT A MORE ACTIVIST MANDATE, BUT ARE APPARENTLY HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY IN REACHING AN AGREED G-77 POSITION ON THE MATTER.

7. US IS HOLDING VERY TIGHT TO POSITION THAT US/EC CIEC PROPOSAL SHOULD BE USED ONLY IN THE DEBT EXPERTS AND THEN SOLELY AS A HISTORICAL DOCUMENT, THAT WE CANNOT NEGOTIATE PROPOSAL OR IMPLY THAT UNCTAD SHOULD HAVE A FUTURE ROLE IN ITS NEGOTIATION. MOST EC MEMBERS DISAGREE WITH USG TACTICS ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE THEY DO NOT WISH TO "NEGOTIATE" THEY BELIEVE US/EC PROPOSAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED OPEN FOR ACCEPTANCE BY G-77. VANDEN HEUVEL

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